



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 207***

LCO No. 1338



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:  
(GL)

***AN ACT REQUIRING HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS AND SALESMEN TO OBTAIN AND DISPLAY IDENTIFICATION BADGES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-420 of the general statutes is amended by  
2 adding subsection (e) as follows (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

3 (NEW) (e) Each contractor or salesman who is issued a certificate of  
4 registration pursuant to section 20-422, as amended by this act, shall  
5 wear the personalized identification badge that is issued pursuant to  
6 subsection (b) of said section whenever the contractor or salesman is  
7 performing or engaging, or attempting to engage, in the business of  
8 making or selling home improvements. The identification badge shall  
9 be plainly visible and worn on the upper left corner of such  
10 contractor's or salesman's torso when such contractor or salesman is  
11 performing or engaging, or attempting to engage, in the business of  
12 making or selling home improvements.

13 Sec. 2. Section 20-422 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

15     (a) Upon receipt of a completed application and fee, the  
16 commissioner shall: (1) Issue and deliver to the applicant a certificate  
17 to engage in the business for which the application was made; or (2)  
18 refuse to issue the certificate. The commissioner may suspend, revoke  
19 or refuse to issue or renew any certificate issued under this chapter or  
20 may place a registrant on probation or issue a letter of reprimand or  
21 may require the posting of a bond meeting the specifications of section  
22 20-426a as a condition for the issuance, renewal or reinstatement of a  
23 certificate of registration for any of the reasons stated in section 20-426,  
24 as amended by this act. No application for the reinstatement of a  
25 certificate which has been revoked shall be accepted by the  
26 commissioner within one year after the date of such revocation.

27     (b) Upon the issuance of a certificate pursuant to subsection (a) of  
28 this section, the commissioner shall issue, or cause to be issued, a  
29 personalized identification badge to the contractor or salesman. The  
30 identification badge shall include a color photograph of the  
31 contractor's or salesman's face, the contractor's or salesman's name, the  
32 contractor's or salesman's registration number, the name of the  
33 contractor's or salesman's business and the Internet web site address  
34 for the state of Connecticut eLicensing web site displayed in a manner  
35 that will be plainly visible when the badge is worn by the contractor or  
36 salesman. The identification badge shall be made in such a manner and  
37 of such material that any attempt to alter the badge will result in it  
38 being immediately, permanently and noticeably destroyed. The  
39 photograph on the identification badge shall be taken not more than  
40 four weeks prior to the date upon which such badge is issued. A  
41 contractor or salesman shall apply for and obtain a new identification  
42 badge at least once every six years.

43     (c) The commissioner may charge the contractor or salesman a  
44 reasonable fee, not to exceed thirty dollars, to cover the costs of the  
45 identification badge issued pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

46     Sec. 3. Section 20-426 of the general statutes is repealed and the

47 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

48 (a) The commissioner may revoke, suspend or refuse to issue or  
 49 renew any certificate of registration as a home improvement contractor  
 50 or salesperson or place a registrant on probation or issue a letter of  
 51 reprimand for: (1) Conduct of a character likely to mislead, deceive or  
 52 defraud the public or the commissioner; (2) engaging in any untruthful  
 53 or misleading advertising; (3) failing to reimburse the guaranty fund  
 54 established pursuant to section 20-432 for any moneys paid to an  
 55 owner pursuant to subsection (o) of section 20-432; (4) unfair or  
 56 deceptive business practices; or (5) violation of any of the provisions of  
 57 the general statutes relating to home improvements or any regulation  
 58 adopted pursuant to any of such provisions. The commissioner may  
 59 refuse to issue or renew any certificate of registration as a home  
 60 improvement contractor or salesperson of any person subject to the  
 61 registration requirements of chapter 969.

62 (b) A contractor or salesman who has been issued an identification  
 63 badge pursuant to subsection (b) of section 20-422, as amended by this  
 64 act, and whose registration has been revoked, suspended or has not  
 65 been renewed shall, not later than three business days after such  
 66 revocation, suspension or nonrenewal, surrender such identification  
 67 badge to the commissioner.

68 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) The commissioner shall not revoke or suspend any  
 69 certificate of registration or require the posting of a bond except upon  
 70 notice and hearing in accordance with chapter 54.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	20-420
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	20-422
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	20-426

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require home improvement contractors and salesmen to obtain and wear personalized identification badges.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*